

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A pressure generating apparatus comprising a stationary plate and a movable plate which can be moved linearly in relation to the stationary plate by a tension drive along, a plurality of the guiding tie bars, wherein material to be compressed or a mold to be clamped are arranged between said moving plate and said stationary plate, further comprising a linear motor having a part thereof which substantially surrounds arranged on at lease one tie bar, and wherein a plurality of piezo-electric actuators are provided to actuate the tension drive.

2. (original) The surface-pressure generating device according to claim 1, wherein the linear motor is an asynchronous motor.

3. (cancelled) The surface-pressure generating device according to claim 1,
wherein the primary part surrounds the tie bar.